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SUBJECT: ITALY: RESPONSE ON COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE  
ELECTION

REF: A. SECSTATE 130973

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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Jonathan R. Cohen for reasons 1.3 (b) and (d).

(C) In response to Ref A, poloff followed up September 28 on our previous demarche (Ref B) on the Committee Against Torture election with MFA UN Affairs Desk Officer Gabriela Biondi. Biondi proposed a vote trade, and followed up October 3 with a diplomatic note requesting U.S. support for Renata Archivi, Italy's candidate for the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Poloff reminded Biondi of the long-standing U.S. policy against trading votes, but thanked her for the information on Italy's ACABQ candidate.  
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